PLANT PROTECTION

17. Central Plant Protection Training Institute.
18. Integrated Pest Management.
19. Expansion of Plant Quarantine Facilities
20. Expansion and Strengthening of Locust Warning Organisation.
21. Implementation of the Insecticides Act, 1986 and Regional Pesticides Quality Control Laboratories.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS & MACHINERY

11. Strengthening of Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute at Budni, Hissar, Garladinne and Sonitpur
23. Establishment of Farms Machinery Training and Testing Institute in Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Eastern Region.
24. Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation amongst small farmers
25. Development of Prototypes of Industrial designs of Agricultural Implements.
26. Strengthening of Agricultural Engineering Department of State Agriculture Universities.

CREDIT

27. Investment in Debentures of Land Development Banks.
28. Credit Cooperative Institution in underdeveloped States.
29. Agricultural Credit Stabilisation Fund.
30. Special Schemes for SC/ST.

WATER MANAGEMENT

31. On-Farm Water Management System.
32. Use of Plastics in Agriculture and promotion of drip/sprinkler irrigation systems.

Indo-Australian Collaboration Programme

1874. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) is likely to fund new farm projects and allied sectors in India under the Indo-Australian coUaboration programme;

(b) if so, what are the projects, which are identified for the purpose; and

(c) the time it will take to complete the projects with details of each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) A Joint Indo-ACIAR Consultation was held on July 10-11, 1997 at New Delhi to identify priorities for future collaboration between the two research organisations. The priority areas have been identified in the field of crop sciences including fodder production, post harvest technology, animal sciences land and water resources, forestry, fisheries, agricultural and natural r.esource economies and capacity building through research training.

(c) The new projects based on priorities finally approved for possible funding under collaborative arrangement may come through after the draft priorities are agreed upon.

Development of Animal Husbandry in North-East

1875. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is ample scope for the development of animal husbandry in the North-Eastem States;

(b) if so, the details thereof. State wise; and

(c) the details of the assistance given to various State Governments for the development schemes during 1996-97, State-wise?